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WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF

INTELLIGENCE DIVISION  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.


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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LAY:

1. Reference our telephonic conversation. It appeared to me that the proposed directive on National Intelligence Requirements-China was inadequate as a directive since it contained no basis on which coordination could be attained. On the other hand, it appeared to have certain data in it which were unnecessary if it be considered only as an analysis.

2. The matter can be adjusted to my satisfaction either way; namely, if it is to be a directive it should include a division of the responsibilities for collection between the various agencies, with perhaps some statement as to the means of coordination in the field if this is desired. If it is merely to be an analysis, then certain phases might well be eliminated. In our study here in the Intelligence Division we assumed that it was to be an analysis and would be followed by a coordinated directive, and had made certain revisions which might be appropriate. I attach this revised copy. You will note in the copy that we took some exception to the wording; namely, "requirements" or "objectives." In so far as I am concerned this is relatively unimportant and you can use any wording that you see fit. My people thought the word "objectives" should be substituted for "requirements," and the revised copy carries that wording.

3. I hope this will explain fully my views.

  
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Major General, G.S.C.  
Director of Intelligence

Incl.  
Revised draft

Army review(s) completed.

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